

- (b) hydroforming a second side rail so as to have a second integrally formed mounting structure;
- (c) securing a cross member to the first and second side rails; and
- (d) connecting a component of a vehicle to one of the first and second integrally formed mounting structures.

~~12. The method defined in Claim 11 wherein one of the first and second integrally formed mounting structures comprises an inwardly extending protrusion.~~

13. The method defined in Claim 12 wherein the inwardly extending protrusion is shaped to support an engine of the vehicle.

14. The method defined in Claim 11 wherein one of the first and second integrally formed mounting structures comprises an aperture.

15. The method defined in Claim 14 wherein the aperture is formed at a location corresponding to one of a front bumper bracket, a sheet metal bracket, a control arm bracket, a front cab mount, a front box mount, a rear spring front bracket, ~~an intermediate box bracket, a rear spring rear bracket and a rear bumper bracket.~~

REMARKS

In view of the amendments, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice Of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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